43. 'Life of Donne,' 1658. "For Mr. Comerford, from I. W." (J. Comerford sale at Sotheby's, Nov., 1881; formerly Rev. T. Corser's).


A good many of the afore-mentioned copies have manuscript corrections to the text which are said to in Walton's hand writing. I am afraid that my suggested identification of Matthew Kenrick as a barrister of the Middle Temple cannot stand, for I find that the father of that Matthew, John Kenrick, was only married in 1681. John is said to have been an only son which, if correct, would seem to rule out the Cranmer connection. There were a Matthew and a Dorothy, children of John Kenrick of Shropshire (Harleian Society, xxix. 285) who would have been only a little younger than Walton, but I have found no evidence of connection with him.

H. J. B. Clements.

THE MARQUESS MACSWINEY (cxlvi. 190). This is a Papal (hereditary) title, conferred on the present holder in 1896. Besides being a Knight of St. Gregory, he is also a K.C.P. and Knight Grand Cross of the Holy Sepulchre, and has the Papal decoration pro Ecclesia et Pontifice.

The Pope follows the precedent of other Sovereigns in bestowing these and other Orders on foreigners whom he desires to honour. But to create Englishmen, Irishmen, Americans, or members of other nationalities, marquesses or dukes—with very little prospect of these high titles obtaining recognition in their own countries—is held even by some Catholics to be somewhat anomalous. The Pope's claim to universal jurisdiction is a purely spiritual one; and the modern Roman custom of conferring purely secular titles on foreigners seems open to obvious objections.

David O. Hunter Blair.

NATHANIEL GODBOLD, ESQ., (cxlvi. 191).—The following particulars are taken from Manning and Bray's 'Surrey':—

"General Oglethorpe in 1747 was elected Burges for Hazlemere for the fifth time. Dying without issue, 30 June, 1785, devised this estate to said Wife, who bequested it, on her decease, to Trustees to be sold for the benefit of the Marquis de Belgrade, great-nephew of the General her husband, of whom it was purchased in 1788, by Christopher Hodges, Esq., and of him, in 1790, by Mr. Nathanael Godbold. (He died 17th day of December 1799, aged 69 years, and devised to his three children, viz., Nathanael, Samuel, and Louisa, the latter of which married the Reverend... Lovel. They are now the Owners).

"The Manor of Westbrook pays a quit-rent of 10s. 6d. a year to the Lord of the Manor of Godalming, to which it is subordinate.

"In the grounds belonging to Westbrook, Mr. Godbold, about six years ago, erected a building for spinning cotton, but it was never used for that purpose; there is now (1803) a manufacture of flannel and baize carried on in it (on his estate there is a Paper-mill, Fulling-mill, and an Oil or Leather-mill. There is another Paper-mill at Eashing, and one at Cattshill, a corn-mill at Enton, another at Eashing, one at Godalming, and one at Cattshill)."

Alfred Sydney Lewis.

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I am probably more acquainted with the Memorial to Nathaniel Godbold than any 'N. & Q.' reader, for as a small boy I had to sit in front of it, in what was known as the Westbrook Chapel of Godalming Church, the dreariest part of the building, because the memorial is over the hagioscope. What a splendid advertising space! I did not look upon Godbold as a quack, for his monument quickened in me a desire to study epitaphs and memorials all over the country.

Mr. Chambers should consult the first volume of the Farringdon Diary. Godbold in 1790 acquired the small manor of Westbrook. The house, now the Neath Home of Comfort for Epileptics, stands near the Railway Station. The manor gave the name to the family long resident there in the fifteenth century (Brayley's 'Surrey,' vol. v.). The present building, in 1688, went to Sir Theophilus Oglethorpe, son of Samuel, whose estates were forfeited for his adherence to Charles I. during the Civil War. The estate subsequently passed to the James Edward Oglethorpe of renown. Upon the death of the widow in 1787 the property was sold for the benefit of the husband's grand-nephew, the Marquis de Bellegarde; the new owner within two years sold it to Nathaniel Godbold, proprietor of a somewhat popular quack medicine called 'The Vegetable Balsam.' He dying in 1799 bequathed Westbrook to his three children, Nathaniel, Samuel and Louisa. After the death of Mrs.